ATTACHMENT A

Clean Replacement Claims

Following herewith is a clean copy of each claim, which replaces each previous claim having the same number.

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- 1. (Amended) A method of preparing a trace element solution, which comprises the steps of:
- (a) preparing more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process;
 - (b) providing a sodium selenite solution; and
 - (c) combining the EDTA-complexes and the sodium selenite solution.
 - 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes are prepared by using disodium EDTA.
- 4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes are prepared by using EDTA acid with sodium hydroxide.
- 5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes are prepared by using at least one selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates.



- 6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one of the metal compounds selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.
 - 7. A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

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- 8. (Amended) A trace element solution, which comprises
 - (a) more than one EDTA complex as a sodium salt prepared in a single continuous process by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid;
 - (b) selenium selenite; and

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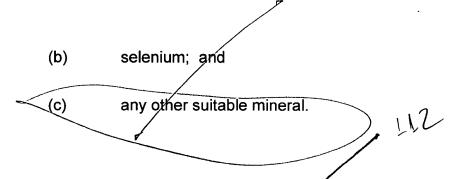
(c) any other suitable mineral.

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- A solution as claimed in claim 8, which is an injectable solution.
- 10. A solution as claimed in claim 8, which is a drenchable solution.

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- 11. (Amended) A stock lick, which comprises
 - (a) more than one EDTA complex as a sodium salt prepared in a single continuous process by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid;



12. (Amended) A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.